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THE US EMBASSY IN LISBON REPORTS THAT A POLITICAL CRISIS IS BREWING THERE OVER THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

--A DISPUTE OVER THE LONG OVERDUE ECONOMIC PROGRAM WHICH IS BEING DISCUSSED BY THE CABINET THIS WEEK; PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES REPORTEDLY HAS REJECTED THE DRAFT AS BEING TOO CONSERVATIVE.

--UNHAPPINESS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OVER GONCALVES' UNILATERAL ORDER TO ARREST 12 BUSINESSMEN LAST WEEK;

--REJECTION OF THE DRAFT PRESS LAW AT COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER CUNHAL'S REQUEST;

--GONCALVES' ACCEPTANCE OF CUNHAL'S DEMAND THAT UNIVERSITIES

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BE CLOSED DOWN.

THE EVIDENCE NOW ON HAND SUGGESTS THAT GONCALVES AND CUNHAL ARE PITTED AGAINST VITOR ALVES AND EDUARDO ANTUNES, BOTH PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT. UP TO NOW, GONCALVES, ALVES AND ANTUNES HAD BEEN CONSIDERED THE UNOFFICIAL RULING TRIUMVIRATE.

IF THIS IS THE CASE, IT WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME THE COMMUNISTS HAVE DIRECTLY CHALLENGED THE MOVEMENT'S AUTHORITY. CUNHAL'S PUBLIC STATEMENT OVER THE WEEKEND IN FAVOR OF NATIONALIZING BANKS MAY BE ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THE COMMUNISTS INTEND TO SHED THEIR MODERATE IMAGE. E-2 IMPDET.H

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